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TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0191  
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RUEHAO/AMCONSUL CURACAO PRIORITY 1263  
RUEHUB/USINT HAVANA PRIORITY 0022

UNCLAS PARAMARIBO 000220

SIPDIS

WHA/PDA FOR CHAD WEST, WHA/CAR FOR JACKIE ROSHOLT, WHA FOR  
DAS KIRSTEN MADISON

E.O. 12958: N/A

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SUBJECT: AFTER-ACTION: "DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH CUBAN  
PEOPLE" ACTIVITIES IN SURINAME

REF: STATE 51536

11. (U) In solidarity with the people of Cuba, Post placed  
an explanatory text with a link to [solidaridadcuba.org](http://solidaridadcuba.org) on its  
website.

12. (U) Given longstanding bilateral ties between Suriname  
and Cuba, Post faces an uphill battle in sensitizing the  
Government of Suriname to the plight of ordinary Cubans.  
Nevertheless, the Ambassador, who served in Havana in the  
1990's, has made it her personal mission to subtly educate  
Surinamers on the realities of life there.

13. (U) To commemorate May 21 in particular, Post's planned  
signature event would have been a screening of the movie,  
"Bananas." Unfortunately, and despite Post's best efforts,  
these plans fell through; the express ordered copy of the  
film still has not arrived. The movie is not legally  
available in Suriname. As a substitute, and keeping the  
solidarity theme in mind, Post screened the inspiring movie,  
"In America" instead of "Bananas." Post will consider  
rescheduling a screening of "Bananas" at a later, similarly  
appropriate date.

14. (U) There was no initial media coverage in Suriname.  
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